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FOR : 3a,4,5,9b-TETRAHYDRO-1H-BENZ[e]INDOL-2-YL AMINE-DERIVED NEUROPEPTIDE Y RECEPTORS LIGANDS USEFUL IN THE TREATMENT OF OBESITY AND OTHER DISORDERS

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicant(s) hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner dated June 6, 2003 finally rejecting Claims 1-14, 20 and 22 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

- 1. \boxtimes An extension of time to respond to the final rejection was granted on November 20, 2003 for three (3) month(s).
- 2.
 A Petition For Extension Of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 is attached hereto in triplicate.
- 3. A timely response to the final rejection has been filed.
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